

ALL TSR organized activities are for members only.

By signing up for an event, members agree to the waiver included at the top of the Signup page and also agree to abide by the procedures for our activities.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2 — TSR Holiday Party, Hike and Business Meeting

Register for party and hike on SignUpGenius.

Register early to secure your spot. Registration closes Nov 30th.

Annual meeting with election of officers for 2024: begins at noon.

Potluck lunch following the meeting: Hot tea and coffee provided.

Please bring your own cold drink and festive food to share with fellow hikers: hearty salad, entree, nuts, fruit, veggies/dip, cheese/crackers, or dessert (homemade please). We ask you to tag your dish with the name of the food, plus your own name, and bring a utensil to serve your food. Drop food off at the barn 9:00-11:30. Sorry, no food heating/warming facilities are available.

Weather permitting, a “fire ring” will be setup near Maskers Barn entrance to use before the noon start of our meeting. Bring your own stick to roast marshmallows we’ll provide.

THE ANNUAL MEETING AND PARTY WILL TAKE PLACE RAIN OR SHINE. In the event of a forced cancellation due to extreme weather, notification will be posted through GoogleGroups email.

Equipment repair / knife sharpening services from 9:30-12:00. Phil Ross has generously offered to repair equipment and sharpen knives once again. Bring up to two items to Phil at Masker’s Barn by 10:30am with a note including your name, phone #, description of requested services, and pick up your item(s) after 12 noon.

Swap table: Bring lightly used hiking attire, books, maps – anything another member could use. Take home any unclaimed items.

Hikes: To work up an appetite, register in advance via SignUpGenius for one of four hikes offered.

Vigorous Holiday Party Hike

Leaders: Dean Leistikow, cell 908-451-5192 to be used day of event only, leistikow@fordham.edu and Pat Chorman
Start: 9:45 AM at TSR Parking field. Try this new adventurous route: visit the facilities at Deserted Village, then 4+ miles at a brisk pace (2+ mph) with 410 ft elevation gain. This hike is not for beginners. Part of the route is along the rocky cliff edge of the ridge above Green Brook near Seeley’s Pond, with a steep descent and an (optional) near-vertical 20-foot high rock scramble. Boots/poles recommended. Bring: water, traction devices.

4-mile Holiday Party Hike

Leaders: Ken Donhauser, cell 732-616-7409 to be used day of event only, kendonhauser@gmail.com and Dave Hill
Start: 10:AM at TSR Parking field. 4 miles with about 400’ elevation at a moderate pace. To the Deserted Village

(facilities), then east to circumnavigate Surprise Lake, and return to Masker's Barn. Boots/poles recommended. Bring: water.

3-mile Holiday Party Hike

Leaders: Gail Biggs, 973-401-1262, cell 973-769-6860 used day of event only, biggs_gail@yahoo.com and Bernadette Miglin, cell 973-407-0049 to be used day of event only, bmiglin@yahoo.com

Start: 10:15 AM at TSR Parking field. 3 miles with about 200' elevation at a comfortable moderate pace. To the Deserted Village (facilities), around part of beautiful Lake Surprise, and return to Masker's Barn. Boots/poles recommended. Bring: water.

2-mile Holiday Party Hike

Leaders: Gordon Thomas, cell 609-977-0267 used day of event only, thomasg0608@gmail.com and Lorrie Vece, cell 201-970-1000 to be used day of event only, Dixonlowe@aol.com

Start: 10:30 AM at TSR Parking field. A social pace around a gentle loop trail, 2 miles, about 100' elev. First, to Deserted Village (facilities), past Masker's Barn, to Historic Farm, and return to Parking and Masker's Barn. Boots/poles recommended. Bring: water.

Directions: Park on the Field, about 800' down Cataract Hollow Road (marked "Road Closed") from the entrance of Glenside Ave to the Watchung Reservation. Follow Cataract Hollow Road past the Deserted Village and turn right onto a dirt road, marked by a sign with a picture of a horse and rider. At the second grassy field park head-in. Traffic cones will block off any soft areas on the field. You'll walk about 1,000 feet from the grass field to the right, down Cataract Hollow Road, to Masker's Barn.

Please help! We need more volunteers to setup, serve, and cleanup. To volunteer or for any questions, contact the Social Committee co-chairs:

Kathe Serbin (973-715-0491, katheserbin@yahoo.com) or

Elise Morrison (201-927-4275, tsrsocialcommittee@gmail.com)

~~SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3 — Black River Trail, Cooper Mill, Chester, NJ~~ - added hike, cancelled

~~*Leader:* Sheree Bennett, cell 973-932-9466 to be used day of event only, no texts please, shereestarrett@yahoo.com~~

~~*Start:* 9:30 AM. This will be a 6 mile hike with approximately 700 feet of elevation gain at a social pace. This is a lovely walk along the Black River. It may be muddy. Boots/poles recommended. Bring: lunch, water. Please note early start time.~~

~~*Directions:* See TSR Directions Cooper Mill, Chester, NJ.~~

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4 — Pyramid Mountain, Boonton, NJ

Leader: David Sutter, cell 973-568-2721 to be used day of event only, dsuttr@gmail.com

Start: 10 AM. Hike about 3 miles through glacial erratics, spruce woods, and past an old mine. No facilities available. Boots/poles recommended. Bring: water, bug spray.

Directions: See TSR directions for Pyramid Mountain, Kincaid Parking.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5 — Ramapo Valley County Reservation, Mahwah, NJ

Leader: Dianne Jones, cell 973-224-3967, diannejones428@gmail.com

Start: 10 AM. This 6- to 7-mile hike will combine parts of the Vista, Ridge, Reservoir and Marsh loops with lunch by the reservoir. One long climb at the start of the hike. Facilities available. Boots/poles recommended. Bring: lunch, water, traction devices.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5 — Jockey Hollow National Park, Morristown, NJ - change in leader

Leader: Ken Donhauser, cell 732-616-7409 to be used day of event only, kendonhauser@gmail.com and Debbie Stuart, cell 908-768-8044, debstuart19@gmail.com

Start: 11 AM. Approximately 6 miles and 500' elevation; fairly smooth trails; moderate pace and difficulty. Facilities available. Boots/poles recommended. Bring: snack, water, traction devices. Please note later start time.

Directions: See TSR Directions #1, Visitor Center.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6 — Patriots Path, Morristown, NJ - added hike

Leader: Stan and Bev Kaltnecker, cell 201-602-4074, kaltnecs1@aol.com

Start: 10 AM. We will start at the gravel parking lot on Sussex Avenue (CR 617). The hike will be about 4+ miles and about 2 hours. We will walk on Washington Valley Patriot's Path going out and return on Patriots Path going through the swamp. There will be easy hills and the trails will be gravel and pavement. No facilities available. Boots/poles recommended. Bring: snack, water.

Directions: From the Morristown Green take Speedwell Ave. (State Hwy 202) to Sussex Avenue. Take Sussex Ave. for about 1.5 miles to parking lot on the right which is just after house number 385 Sussex Turnpike, Morristown.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6 — Johnstown Circle, Harriman State Park, NY - added hike, SHOW AND GO, NOT on Signup Genius

Leader: Anastasia Tavaréz, cell 646-207-4136, atavare@gmail.com

Start: 9 AM. Moderate Pace, Approximately 8 miles, estimated Elevation gain of 1,400'. We start on the Blue Disc trail, continue to Claudius Smith Den, to the TMI, R-D, Kakiat, around Sleater Hill and then back to parking lot. No facilities available. Boots/poles recommended. Bring: lunch, water. Please note early start time. Not a typical Wednesday hike.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7 — Reeves Meadow, Harriman State Park, NY - change in leader

Leader: Bill Correa, cell 917-656-3015, correa.bill@gmail.com

Start: 10 AM. This is a 10-mile moderately strenuous loop hike that meanders over many trails, eventually looping around Pine Meadow Lake. Elevation gain of about 1400 ft. Facilities available. Boots/poles recommended. Bring: lunch, water.

ALT. THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7 — Silas Condict Park, Kinnelon, NJ

Leader: Bernadette Miglin, cell 973-407-0049 to be used day of event only, bmiglin@yahoo.com

Start: 10 AM. The White Trail at Silas Condict traverses 3 miles of rolling hills and rock scrambles with elevation gain. This trail is rated moderate and is not recommended for beginners. Optional red and blue trails to the overlook for a total of c. 4.5 miles. Elevation gain: 600-700 feet. Boots/poles recommended.

Bring: lunch, water.

Directions: Meet at the first lot at the top of the hill.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8 — Black River Trail, Cooper Mill, Chester, NJ - added hike

Leader: Sheree Bennett, cell 973-932-9466 to be used day of event only, no texts please, shereestarrett@yahoo.com

Start: 9:30 AM. This will be a 6 mile hike with approximately 700 feet of elevation gain at a social pace. This is a lovely walk along the Black River. It may be muddy. Boots/poles recommended. Bring: lunch, water. Please note early start time.

Directions: See TSR Directions Cooper Mill, Chester, NJ.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9 — Rifle Camp Park, Woodland NJ

Leader: Charlie Stepnowski, cell 862-200-3956

Start: 10 AM. Moderate hike with some ups and downs and beautiful views of NYC. Facilities available. Boots/poles recommended. Bring: lunch, snack, water, traction devices.

Directions: Take Route 80 East to Exit 56A and merge onto Squirrelwood Rd. towards Woodland Park. In 0.2 miles take Rifle Camp Rd. to Number 387. Parking is first area on right side after you enter park.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

No event is scheduled as of this printing. Leaders wishing to post an event are encouraged to do so at least two days prior to this date. Send the listing to TSRregistration@outlook.com.

~~MONDAY, DECEMBER 11 — Tourne Park, East Entrance, Boonton, NJ - cancelled~~

Leader: Stan and Bev Kaltnecker, cell 201-602-4074, kaltnecs1@aol.com

Start: 10 AM. Hike will be about 3 miles along the Ogden Trail and around Birchwood Lake. Portable facilities available. Boots/poles recommended. Bring: water, bug spray.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12 — Reeves Meadow, Harriman State Park, NY

Leader: Rosie Brancato, cell 203-586-8131, rosiehike@gmail.com

Start: 10 AM. The hike will be a moderately strenuous 6-7 miles on the Pine Meadow, Kakiat, and Raccoon Brook trails. There is about 1,500 feet of elevation, and a few very steep sections. Facilities available. Boots/poles recommended. Bring: lunch, water.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13 — Washington Valley Park, Martinsville, NJ

Leader: Debby Bronner, cell 201-563-1648, debbybronner@gmail.com

Start: 10 AM in the parking lot at Washington Valley Park off Newman's Lane. We will walk approximately 6 miles with an early out available at 2 and 4 miles. The terrain is mostly flat. Portable facilities available. Boots/poles recommended. Bring: lunch, snack, water.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14 — Ramapo Mountain State Forest, Oakland, NJ

Leader: Rosie Brancato, cell 203-586-8131, rosiehike@gmail.com

Start: 10 AM. This will be a moderately strenuous 8.7-mile hike on the Castle Loop, Wanaque Ridge circular, and Le Grande Hill trails. Elevation 1,500 feet. Boots/poles recommended. Bring: lunch, water.

Directions: See TSR Directions, Lower Lot.

ALT. THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14 — Mahlon Dickerson Reservation, Jefferson, NJ

Leader: Diane Willer, cell 973-713-3066, dwiller34@gmail.com

Start: 10 AM. The hike will be about 6 miles at a social pace. Facilities available. Boots/poles recommended. Bring: lunch, water.

Directions: See TSR Directions #2, Saffin Pond.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15 — Round Mountain From Deer Path County Park, Flemington, NJ - added hike, SHOW AND GO, NOT on Signup Genius

Leader: Debbie Stuart 908-768-8044, debstuart19@gmail.com

Start: 10:30 AM. Approximately 6 mile hike through woods, fields and farmlands. This will be a moderate paced hike and of moderate difficulty. Some elevation. Facilities available. Boots/poles recommended. Bring: water, snack. Wear orange gear. Please note later start time.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

No event is scheduled as of this printing. Leaders wishing to post an event are encouraged to do so at least two days prior to this date. Send the listing to TSRregistration@outlook.com.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17 — Lake Sebago Boat Launch, Harriman State Park, NY

Leader: Sheree Bennett, cell 973-932-9466 to be used day of event only, no texts please, shereestarrett@yahoo.com

Start: 10 AM. This will be a 7- to 8-mile hike with up to 1500 feet of elevation gain at the leader's moderate pace. Exact route will be determined by trail and weather conditions. Note cell service is very poor/nonexistent at the trailhead. Portable facilities available. Boots/poles recommended. Bring: lunch, water, traction devices.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18 — Pyramid Mountain, Montville, NJ - cancelled

Leader: David Sutter, cell 973-568-2721 to be used day of event only, dsuttr@gmail.com

Start: 10 AM. This is a new route to Tripod Rock. We do not start at the Visitors Center but at the North end of the park. Hike to huge balancing glacial with scenic overlooks. Hike will be about 3 miles. No facilities available. Boots/poles recommended. Bring: water, bug spray.

Directions: See TSR Directions #2, Parking lot #2 (Kinnelon baseball diamond).

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19 — Silvermine, Harriman State Park, NY - rescheduled to December 20

Leader: Dianne Jones, cell 973-224-3967, diannejones428@gmail.com

Start: 10 AM. This is a 6- to 7-mile loop hike, taking the Menonine to the Red Cross, connecting to the 1779 trail via a woods road, then returning on the RD and Silvermine Road. Two steep climbs. Facilities available. Boots/poles recommended. Bring: lunch, water.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20 — Watchung Reservation, Berkeley Heights, NJ

Leader: Ken Donhauser, cell 732-616-7409 to be used day of event only, kendonhauser@gmail.com

Start: 10 AM. A 5-mile loop from Seeley's Pond with one long uphill. Portable facilities available. Boots/poles recommended. Bring water.

Directions: See TSR Directions #2, Seeley's Pond.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20 — Silvermine, Harriman State Park, NY - rescheduled from December 19

Leader: Dianne Jones, cell 973-224-3967, diannejones428@gmail.com

Start: 10 AM. This is a 6- to 7-mile loop hike, taking the Menonine to the Red Cross, connecting to the 1779 trail via a woods road, then returning on the RD and Silvermine Road. Two steep climbs. Facilities available. Boots/poles recommended. Bring: lunch, water.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21 — Pequannock Watershed, West Milford, NJ

Leader: Philip Ross, cell 732-221-9668, skyking72@gmail.com

Start: 9:30 AM. Moderately strenuous hike of 9 miles, 1100 ft gain with some short rock scrambles, views, slippery rocks when wet. We will walk partly along the edge of a beaver dam. Parking is limited. No facilities available. Boots/poles recommended. Bring: lunch, water, traction devices. Please note early start time.

Directions: See TSR Directions for Pequannock Watershed, P-7.

ALT. THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21 — Cushetunk Mtn. Preserve, Clinton Township, NJ

Leader: Gordon Thomas, cell 609-977-0267 used day of event only, thomasg0608@gmail.com

Start: 10:30 AM. Approx. 6 miles and 1000' elev; moderate pace and difficulty; some rocky sections. Views of Round Valley Reservoir. No facilities available. Boots/poles recommended. Bring: snack, water, traction devices. Please note later start time.

Directions: See TSR Directions #1, Old Mountain Road.

ALT. THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21 — Pyramid Mountain, Montville, NJ - added hike, SHOW AND GO, NOT on Signup

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Leader: Dianne Jones, cell 973-224-3967, diannejones428@gmail.com

Start: 9:30 AM. This is a 4- to 5-mile hike on the Turkey Mountain side at a moderate pace. Portable facilities available. Boots/poles recommended. Bring: snack, water. Please note early start time.

Directions: See TSR Directions #1, Visitors Center.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22 — Reeves Meadow, Harriman State Park, NY - added hike

Leader: Sheree Bennett, 973-857-0543, cell 973-932-9466 to be used day of event only, no texts please, shereestarrett@yahoo.com

Start: 10:30 AM. This will be a 6- 7 mile hike over typical Harriman terrain at a moderate pace. The plan will be to walk along the Pine Meadow (red blazes) and then cross over on the bridge to Diamond Mountain and ascend Diamond Mtn on the HTS (orange blazes) and return along the Stoney Brook (yellow blazes) trail. Facilities available. Boots/poles recommended. Bring: lunch, water, traction devices. Please note late start time.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23 — Norvin Green State Forest, Bloomingdale, NJ

Leader: Jay Dibble, 908-289-8813, cell 908-209-2936 to be used day of event only, no texts please, jaydib41090@peoplepc.com

Start: 9 AM at Otter Hole parking area. 6 miles over hilly, rocky terrain. Some great views. Bring lunch and water. Since parking is limited, attendance is capped at ten hikers. If the lot is full, there is added parking 0.25 of a mile further north on the right. Boots/poles recommended. Bring: lunch, water. Please note early start time.

Directions: See TSR Directions #3, Otter Hole.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24 — South Mountain Reservation, Millburn, NJ

Leader: Philip Ross, cell 732-221-9668, skyking72@gmail.com

Start: 9 AM. Fairly strenuous 9-mile loop at brisk pace (2+ mph) with 1400 ft elevation gain, possible water crossings and some steep ascents/descents. This hike is not for beginners. Early out possible. Portable facilities available. Boots/poles recommended. Bring: lunch, water, traction devices. Please note early start time.

Directions: See TSR Directions #4, Locust Grove.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25 — Watchung Reservation, Mountainside, NJ

Leader: Ken Donhauser, cell 732-616-7409 to be used day of event only, kendonhauser@gmail.com

Start: 10 AM. Christmas Day 3-mile hike on level paths. NO Santa Outfits. Facilities available. Boots/poles recommended. Bring water.

Directions: See TSR Directions #1, Trailside Nature Center.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26 — Holmdel Park Annex (Ramanessin section), Holmdel, NJ - added hike

Leader: Ron Horowitz, cell 732-757-5110, ronhorowitzesq@gmail.com

Start: 10 AM. Hike will start from Bell Works. We will hike about 5 miles of rolling hills through the former Chase & Bayonet Farm tracts (now part of beautiful Holmdel Pk) to burn some carbs & calories. Bell Works, formerly Bell Labs, could have some of its eateries open after the hike. Boots/poles recommended.

Bring: snack, water. This is not a typical Tuesday hike.

Directions: Meet in Bell Works parking lot, left side near the charging stations. 101 Crawfords Corner Rd. GSP to Exit 116 (PNC Arts Ctr). At the stop sign, make right away from GSP & go thru its facility to the T intersection. Make left onto Crawfords & entrance to Bell Works will be about a mile down on the right.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26 — South Mountain Reservation, West Orange, NJ - added hike, SHOW AND GO, NOT on Signup Genius

Leader: Gail Waimon, cell 973-229-7414, gswaimon@comcast.net

Start: 10 AM. This is a 4- to 5-mile figure 8 hike over easy terrain at a moderate pace. Portable facilities available. Boots/poles recommended. Bring: snack, water.

Directions: See TSR Directions #8, Tulip Springs.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27 — D&R Canal, Somerset, NJ - change in hike, cancelled

Leader: Lynn Tucholke, cell 908-938-8645, lynnt2@mac.com

Start: 10 AM. This is a 4- to 5-mile walk along the D&R Canal on a flat, wood-chip and gravel surface. We will walk out and back from the parking lot to Colonial Farms. No facilities available at trailhead; facilities may be available at Colonial Park. Bring: water.

Directions: D&R Canal, Weston Canal Rd Parking Lot (40.5289, -74.5815). Take 287 south to Exit 12 (Manville). Turn left on Weston Canal Road. Continue 2.7 miles. The parking lot will be on your right.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28 — Norvin Green State Forest, Ringwood, NJ - change in start time, cancelled

Leader: Dianne Jones, cell 973-224-3967, diannejones428@gmail.com

Start: 9 AM. We will hike the Hewitt-Butler trail from Weis Ecology, over High Point and Yoo-Hoo Point, past the Otter Hole cascades, to the views along Torne Mt., and to the 360 degree view at Osio Rock. We will return via the more level Otter Hole Trail. This moderately strenuous hike will be about 9 miles long. Expect about 1700 ft elevation gain, including steep ups and downs near Osio Rock. Boots/poles recommended. Bring: lunch, water, traction devices.

Directions: See TSR Directions #4, New Weis Center.

ALT. THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28 — Fanny Area, Rockaway, NJ - added hike, cancelled

Leader: Paul Augustyniak, cell 973-219-4807, paugust586@aol.com

Start: 10 AM. We will hike 6.5 miles to Wildcat Ridge and Beaver Pond on various trails at a moderate pace. Not for beginners, 945' elevation gain. A few hundred feet from the start, we'll make a short stop to check out the bat cave. Lunch stop at Hawkwatch Wildcat Ridge. On the way back, we'll make a brief stop at the defunct St. Patrick's Cemetery, the site of an old mining town abandoned in the late 1800s. Steady rain cancels. Hiking boots recommended. No facilities available. Boots/poles recommended. Bring: lunch, water.

Directions: See TSR Directions #1, Four Birds South Lot.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29 — Reeves Meadow, Harriman State Park, NY - added hike

Leader: Sheree Bennett, 973-857-0543, cell 973-932-9466 to be used day of event only, no texts please, shereestarrett@yahoo.com

Start: 10 AM. This will be a 6- to 7-mile hike with one significant ascent at a moderate pace. We will maximize time along the Pine Meadow and Stoney Brook streams. Expect wet and muddy conditions. Facilities available. Boots/poles recommended. Bring: lunch, water, traction devices.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30 — Ramapo Valley County Reservation, Mahwah, NJ - added hike

Leader: Willard Dye, 973-697-6823, cell day of hike only 973-570-7518

Start: 9:30 AM. This 7-mile hike will follow the blue to white to green, around Bear Swamp and back on the red/silver. No major elevation changes. There is a major water crossing. Facilities available. Boots/poles recommended. Bring: lunch, water. Please note early start time.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31 — Jockey Hollow National Park, Morristown, NJ

Leader: Lynn Tucholke, cell 908-938-8645, lynnt2@mac.com

Start: 10 AM. This is a 5- to 6-mile hike with 500 ft. elevation gain. Facilities available. Boots/poles recommended. Bring: snack, water.

Directions: See TSR Directions #1, Visitor Center.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31 — D&R Canal, Colonial Park, Somerset, NJ - added hike, SHOW AND GO, NOT on Signup Genius

Leader: Debby Bronner, 201-563-1648, debbybronner@gmail.com

Start: 10 AM. We will walk along the Delaware and Raritan Canal for 5 to 6 miles at a moderate pace on a flat path. Bring: lunch or snack, water.

Directions: See TSR Directions Colonial Park #2, Parking Lot A - Rudolf W. Van Der Goot Rose Garden.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31 — Lake Sebago Boat Launch, Harriman State Park, NY - added hike, SHOW AND GO, NOT on Signup Genius

Leader: Sheree Bennett, 973-857-0543, cell 973-932-9466 to be used day of event only, no texts please, shereestarrett@yahoo.com

Start: 9:30 AM. This will be a 5-6 mile hike with under 1000 feet elevation gain. The streams are spectacular. Don't miss the chance to see Harriman streams, looking like rivers. Wear your gaiters, if you have them, as the trail will be much wetter and muddier than usual. Note cell service is very poor/nonexistent at the trailhead. Portable facilities available. Boots/poles recommended. Bring: lunch, water, traction devices. Please note early start time.

Happy New Year!!!